

BUMPER POTATO CROP IN U. S., SAYS EXPERT

E. H. Grubb Declares 350,000,000 Bushels Will Be Harvested This Year.

TELLS OF QUARANTINE

Danger of Foreign Tuber Disease Resulted in Prohibition of Exports.

Eugene H. Grubb, author of "The Potato," who eats, sleeps, lives and grows potatoes on a 100-acre potato patch at Gardendale, Cal., when he is not studying the potato problem abroad, talked potatoes for two hours at the Waldorf-Astoria yesterday afternoon.

The potato professor's chief reason in waxing eloquent about the tuber was to explain the purpose of the proclamation issued by the Department of Agriculture prohibiting the importation of the common or garden variety of white potato from Canada, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Germany, Austria-Hungary, Newfoundland and the islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon.

The Governmental quarantine of potatoes followed the enactment into law of a measure which Senator Guggenheim introduced at the request of the potato professor two years ago as a rider to the Sumner bill, giving American fruit growers protection against the invasion of vegetable diseases from foreign lands.

Mr. Grubb's rider provided that potatoes from those countries where it was known that the potato scab or wart existed should be kept off American soil.

Mr. Grubb made a study of the potato and its intimate in Europe for Secretary of Agriculture Wilson and his report, being too voluminous for a Government pamphlet, was put into a book.

"This country can depend on a potato crop of 350,000,000 bushels this year," he said. "This will be sufficient to supply the wants of all without any importation. We had a potato famine in 1911 and actually raised only 280,000,000 bushels of the 288,000,000 bushels reported by the Government."

"We imported 30,000,000 bushels last year, but we do not know whether any of them were infected. In 1910 New York alone imported 10,000,000 bushels. The great potato shortage of 1911 was due to disease in the West and lack of frost in the East."

"The quarantine, which the Government has established cannot be a hardship to Great Britain this year because she has no potatoes to export and our crop is above the normal. There may be some criticism because it might in-

crease the cost of living, but the increase if any will not come this year.

"The object of the bill was not to reduce the supply, but to protect our crop. If the black wart should get into this country there is no telling what the result might be. The American potato grower knows that he has a stable market. He knows that the potato produces a bigger return, considering labor and capital required, than any other food crop.

"He wants to save the potato from the ravages of the dreaded fungus disease that attacks the eye of the potato and gradually enters and destroys it. You can't detect it in its incipient stages except by microscopic examination and it can't be cured by any kind of spraying. The object of the bill is to protect our future supply.

"If the disease once got into the soil we would never be any more free from it than we are of the codling moth, which has lost for us much of our apple crop; the boll weevil, which attacks cotton; or the San Jose scale, which came from the north of China and has destroyed entire orchards along the Niagara river."

"The chestnut bark disease, which came from the Nile country, will result in a total loss of the chestnut tree in America, and this destruction is all due to the former lax methods of this country in failing to afford required protection by law."

"It has been estimated that it costs the American people annually \$1,000,000,000 as the result of the damage done by the importation of pests from foreign countries in the loss of crops.

"I consider the Sumner bill giving American fruit growers and farmers protection against an invasion of pests from foreign lands the most important piece of legislation since the passage of the Morrill bill in 1862, giving Government aid in building up agricultural colleges, or the homestead act, allowing citizens to take up to 160 acres of land in the West. I can't conceive of any legislation so valuable to the country as one which will protect its future food supply."

Mr. Grubb raises between 30,000 and 40,000 bushels of potatoes a year. He and his neighbors largely supply the Pullman palace car service. He has found time when not exalting the potato to run for office, being defeated for State Senator by the narrow margin of seven votes.

Incidentally he is a Mormon elder, he says, and just now is enjoying himself hugely seeing the sights in New York, which, he says, is some potato.

MORGAN BURGLAR IDENTIFIED.

Burglar Held in Court on Testimony of the Butler.

John Bernauer, 23 years old, of 123 East 135th street, was identified in the Jefferson Market court yesterday by J. Pierpont Morgan, Jr.'s butler as the man who had obtained several thousand dollars worth of jewelry and other loot from Mr. Morgan's home at 221 Madison avenue on January 23 last.

The police accidentally came upon Bernauer at 135th street and Willis avenue, The Bronx, Friday, when they were looking for Reynolds Frosby, the prisoner who made a recent escape from the Tombs.

Mr. Morgan's butler gave his name as H. Physick and identified two gold watches bearing the initials J. P. M., a gold fob, two gold match safes, a gold cigarette case, a gold knife and three pearl stockings which he said belonged to Mr. Morgan.

Magistrate Corrigan held Bernauer for examination on Monday. The police say Bernauer has a clean record but that he may be connected with a number of robberies of wealthy people which have not been recorded.

SOCRATES WAS IN LUCK--- DESPITE XANTHIPPE

Surrogate Fowler Agrees With Noted French Lawyer.

NEVER ADJUDGED CRAZY

Modern Alienists Might Have Tried to Break His Will, as in Mr. Schmidt's Case.

That Socrates was fortunate in living in an age long before the present, because he might have been pronounced insane by medical experts, was the conclusion quoted by Surrogate Fowler yesterday in a will case involving a large volume of testimony by experts as to whether or not the testator was sane.

The Surrogate decided that a stroke of paralysis does not incapacitate a man from making a will that will stand the legal tests, even if physicians do testify that the person was incompetent at the time. He further ruled that in cases in which medical experts disagree the law may step in, and after weighing their testimony may reject all or any part of it.

In this case the Surrogate admitted to probate the will of Oscar E. Schmidt, who was senior member of the firm of O. E. Schmidt & Co. of 42 Pine street. The Surrogate also gave probate to a contested codicil which gave Oscar Egerton Stevens, a namesake of the testator, \$25,000 in cash in place of The Poplars, a valuable estate at Lloyd's Neck, L. I. Mr. Schmidt made his last will on June 1, 1905, and in it he gave The Poplars to Stevens. The next year he suffered a stroke of paralysis. Subsequently he became financially embarrassed and had to raise money on his real estate. In 1907 he added the codicil giving the money to Stevens instead of giving him The Poplars.

The codicil was contested by Stevens and he produced many physicians to give expert testimony. One doctor said that Mr. Schmidt was insane when he made the codicil, another that he was suffering from senility and a third that he was rational at times and at others not sane. A fourth physician said that there was evidence of senility, but a fifth testified that he was sane. Mr. Schmidt died on July 21, 1911.

In reviewing the testimony the Surrogate said that "speculation and hypotheses" as to Mr. Schmidt's mental condition were worthless in face of the testimony that at times he was rational and at others irrational. He quoted from Troplong, whom he described as a French master of the law of wills, to show that there is a tendency among physicians to brand every man as a monomaniac. The Surrogate quoted the following from Troplong:

If Pascal was not dead he should take

care, for I know many physicians who would regard him as laboring under a hallucination. Socrates is very happy to have been born so soon. He has least perished with the reputation of being the wisest of men, whereas more than one medical expert would have characterized him as a monomaniac with his familiar demon.

The Surrogate said he believed that this statement was unfair to the medical profession as a whole, "but it serves to emphasize the fact that there is a recognized distance between the medical and legal tests" of insanity.

"I yield to none," said the Surrogate, "in my respect for the medical profession in its own sphere, and I consider their opinions at all times as very worthy of attention, for they are the opinions of experienced men and skillful observers. But their judgment is not always that of the court's, and it is the ruling of the court which alone binds me."

In the undisputed part of the will Mr. Schmidt gave \$10,000 to the New York Orthopedic Hospital, \$5,000 each to Grace Episcopal Church and the Church for Seamen and \$10,000 to the Baroness von Susskind.

MURDER JURY DISAGREES.

Hungry Venturers Fail to Reach Verdict in Conroy Case.

After being out twenty-six hours a jury in the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court last yesterday afternoon reported a disagreement in the case of Joseph Conroy on trial for murder. Conroy was accused of killing Attorney Joseph Fetterlin in the latter's office at 41 Park row on July 24 last.

The case was handed to the jury by Justice Goff at a little before 1 o'clock Friday afternoon. The first ballot they took showed nine in favor of a verdict for murder in the first degree. Another ballot resulted in eleven for murder in the second degree and one for manslaughter.

From 8 o'clock yesterday morning until 6 o'clock in the evening when disagreement was reported they had nothing to eat. Most of them showed the strain. Conroy took the result quietly and did not appear to be elated. He called the court reporters to him and asked them if they would like to look over a mass of documents and other material he has collected about a will case in which Mr. Fetterlin acted as referee two years ago. He was reminded to the Tombs, no further disposition of the case being made.

Attorney Clark Jordan in his argument for the defendant Friday gave his defense as insanity and said that Conroy was irrational when he fired the fatal shot.

Acting District Attorney Mass called attention to the testimony of an insanity expert that Conroy was sane.

GRACE'S BODY DISINTERRED.

Brother Accused of Murder Shown No Signs of Breaking Down.

NEW BRITAIN, N. Y., Sept. 21. The remains of Jack Grace, wrestler and athlete who was murdered in the rooms of the Walden Social Club on Saturday evening, September 7, and later buried in the cemetery in Walden, were this morning disinterred and will be shipped to Grace's former home in Fall River, Mass.

His brother, William Grace, who is in jail here charged with the murder, has shown no signs of breaking down since being held for the Grand Jury.

NOT TO BE A SPITE FENCE, SAYS BANKER CANNON

Structure Between His Home and the New Anderson Galleries.

ONLY A LARGE REFLECTOR

Device to Throw Light Into His Windows Will Cost About \$1,600.

The filing of plans for an iron fence twenty-five feet long and forty-one feet high, to be erected in the back yard of Henry W. Cannon's home at 288 Madison avenue, directly behind the rear windows of the new office building in course of construction for the Anderson Galleries on Fortieth street, gave rise to the report yesterday that Murray Hill residents, resentful of the intrusion of business on Fortieth street, were going to get together and fight it.

Mr. Cannon, who is chairman of the board of directors of the Chase National Bank and president of the Pacific Coast Company, said through his secretary at his offices, 10 Wall street, yesterday that this was not a spite fence, although the Anderson people seemed to regard it as such.

He said that the new Anderson building, which is twelve stories high, with a width of fifty feet in the rear, keeps the light out of his back windows. Because of this he plans the erection of the fence, which must be made either of steel or iron

according to the provisions of the building laws. He intends to paint the fence white and then put glass especially prepared to reflect the light to his back windows. The architect who has the building of the fence estimates that its cost will approximate \$1,600.

Mr. Cannon's relations with the Anderson Galleries, now at 286 Madison avenue in the old Hyde home, next door to him on the corner of Fortieth street, have always been friendly, said his secretary, Mrs. Cannon attended most of the House sales held there and was interested in the work of the galleries.

In the circular describing the new Anderson building it is said it is expected that the structure will be finished by October 1. The circular says: "On the south is the restricted residential section of Murray Hill; on the east is Madison avenue, and on the west Fifth avenue. The improvements on this block and others in the neighborhood are of a character and ownership which preclude the intrusion of loft buildings and the general run of commercial and manufacturing business. There can be no more quiet, beautiful or convenient location."

The noise made by the workmen on the new building can be heard in the homes of Thomas Newbold, Clark Williams, Oakleigh Thorne, Edmund Penfield and Dr. Thomas R. Pooley.

EX-JERSEY SENATOR ILL.

Muriel Smith of Camden Suffering From Blood Poisoning.

Former State Senator Muriel Smith, one time president of the New Jersey Senate, is seriously ill at his home in Camden, N. J., from blood poisoning. He had a corn treated last week and on his way home had the foot injured in an accident. It began to swell and neglecting it he found that he had allowed the wound to become infected.

It is thought that amputation may become necessary and to add to the troubles of the senator, his aged mother with whom he lives, is dying in an adjoining room. Senator Smith was one of the most familiar figures in New Jersey politics a few years ago, but with the rise to power of Judge Westcott and his political interests Senator Smith retired from activity.

FEW LEFT OF THOSE WHO FOUGHT AT ANTIETAM

They Gather From All Over the Country 50 Years Afterward in Prospect Park.

The fiftieth anniversary of the battle of Antietam was celebrated yesterday in Prospect Park, Brooklyn, under the auspices of the War Veterans and Sons Association of the United States of America. There were speeches and a review.

The principal address was made by the Rev. Newell Dwight Billis of Plymouth Church, Brooklyn. He spoke of the importance of the battle and said that on the winning of it by the Northern forces depended Lincoln's issuance of the emancipation proclamation.

After the speaking, guests at the celebration, followed by about 400 survivors of the battle, walked from the grandstand to the parade ground, where a review was held. As the older soldiers marched in the line some of them were put to it to keep up with the younger veterans of between 60 and 70 years, but John O'Connor, who is a veteran of the Mexican war as well as being a survivor of Antietam, stopped along with the best of them. The veterans seemed few in numbers considering that they had come from all parts of the country. An old soldier who had come from Spokane, Wash., seemed surprised at the thinning of the ranks.

The review, in which the Ninth Coast Artillery, N. G. N. Y., the Eighth Fourth Volunteers and eleven troops from the Boys' Brigade of America, together with the same number of troops from the Catholic Boys' Brigade, took part, ended with the lowering of the flag and the firing of the sunset gun.

After the review the survivors of Antietam had a reunion dinner in the Fourteenth Regiment Armory.

Stern Brothers

Women's and Misses' Autumn Apparel

Imported Models, Reproductions, Adaptations and their own Original Creations are now being shown, embodying the season's newest features and fabrics, also

The following Very Exceptional Values for To-morrow

Women's Tailored Suits

Strictly man tailored, also Copies of Imported Trimmed Models, of Velour de Laine, Eponge, Bedford Cord, Broadcloths, Cheviots, Velveteen and Corduroy, also Novelty Stripes and Mixtures, the highest class workmanship and linings.

at \$19.75, 28.50, 34.50

Actual Values \$27.50 to 49.50

Women's Street Dresses

of plain black and navy, also illuminated striped Serges, Wool Eponge and Prunella Cloths, One piece, Open Front Models, with the new long coat back and collar, full length sleeves.

at \$14.50, 22.50, 29.75

Actual Values \$19.75 to 45.00

Women's Evening Gowns

of Charmeuse and Crepe Meteor, trimmed with bugles and swans down, or with shadow lace and embroidery.

at \$32.50 and 45.00

Actual Values \$45.00 to 62.50

Misses' Tailored Suits

of Bedford Cords, Cheviots, Mannish Serges, exclusive Novelty Mixtures and Velour de Laine, strictly tailored and trimmed styles, for School and Afternoon Wear, showing new features in collars, vestee and skirts, sizes 14, 16 and 18 years.

at \$18.50, 25.00, 37.50

Actual Values \$27.50 to 52.50

Misses' College Dresses

of fine quality Serges, in plain, fraternity and dressier models, for Afternoon and Street Wear, sizes 14, 16 and 18 years.

at \$11.50 and 16.75

Actual Values \$16.50 and 25.00

Misses' Evening Gowns

Six Models, in new draped effects, of Chiffon, in all desirable colors, with shadow lace and floral trimming, sizes 14, 16 and 18 years.

at \$12.75, 16.50, 29.75

Actual Values \$17.50 to 45.00

To-morrow, Continuation Sale of Very Desirable

Women's Muslin Undergarments

At Radical Reductions from Regular Stock Prices.

Gowns,	from 85c to 3.75	Chemises,	from 75c to 2.75
Petticoats,	" 1.00 " 4.25	Corset Covers,	" 59c " 2.50
Combinations,	" 1.00 " 3.25	Drawers,	" 50c " 2.35

Monday, an Extraordinary Sale of a large European Purchase of

French Lace Curtains

At Prices Less Than Usual Cost of Importation.

950 Pairs, at \$3.25, 4.25, 5.50, 6.50, 8.75, 10.50, 12.50, 13.75, 15.00
Lace Stores and Panels, at \$4.25, 5.50, 6.50, 7.50

Ranging in Values from \$6.50 to 30.00

Black and Colored Dress Silks

Later Importations of Novelty Silks have been received, including Two Toned Velours Faconne Fond Voile, Double width Brocade Satin and Charmeuse, Faconne Metal and Printed Chiffons, Plain Silks in the new weaves and colorings, Crepe Charmeuse, Crepe Annamite, Bengalines and Faile Francaise, Dress Velvets, Double width Plushes, English Corduroys and Velveteens in plain and fancy effects.

Also To-morrow, Very Exceptional Offerings of

Satin Charmeuse, 40 inches wide, double width, in a large assortment of light and dark colors, also white, ivory, cream and black. Value \$2.50 Yard, at	\$1.73
Black Crepe de Chine, 40 ins. wide, double width. Value \$1.50 Yard, at	1.10
Satin Crepe Meteor, 40 inches wide, double width, in a full line of evening and street shades, including white, ivory, cream and black. Value \$2.25 Yard, at	\$1.58
Black Messaline, 36 inches wide, high lustre. Value \$1.00 Yard, at	75c

Imported Dress Goods

Additional shipments of high class fabrics used by the leading Paris Modistes are now being shown, consisting of Silk and Wool Brocade Crepes, Damas Matelasse and Bengalines, Velour de Laine in Froche and Velvet effects, Wide Wide Diagonals, Boucles, Zibelines, Bedford Cords, Ratines and Eponge in plain weaves and mixtures; also a complete line of Broadcloths and Peau de Souris in the latest shades.

Unusual Values for Monday, in Seasonable and Very Desirable

All Wool Cheviots, 54 inches wide, in brown, navy and black. Actual Value \$1.75 Yard	87c	Black Broadcloths, 54 ins. wide, medium weight, high lustre, spangled and shrunk. Actual Value \$3.25 Yard	\$1.85
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50 Pairs Velour Portieres with galloon borders on side. Value \$28.00.....19.75

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Reversible in desirable plain colors. Value \$19.50.....12.75

200 Pairs Imported Lace Curtains

Value \$7.50 Pair.....4.75

Value \$9.00 Pair.....5.85

Value \$10.00 Pair.....6.50

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